

B1200 Final Report

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Trench Outline:

Trench B1200 is located on the SW slope and consists of a 6.3 x 3m area not including an unexcavated extension 4 meters to the south. In this space are a series of walls including four Iron Age walls (B703, B704, B1204, and B1211) that make up a rectilinear room. Within these walls are two contemporary floors under which were found three Neolithic walls (B1214, B1219, and B1220). Associated with these earlier walls are three (possibly four) floors. Benchmark-R9 (355.635) used throughout excavation.

Loci Descriptions:

- B1218 (Neolithic)
Locus consists of soil under the surface located between the top of this locus and the bottom of B1217. Walls-B1219 and B1220, which confine this locus to the north and south do not continue below this locus and are therefore contemporary with the surface located at the top of B1218. Walls-B1219 and B1220 belong to two different building and the surface between them is exterior space. This can be determined due to the relatively short distance between the walls (0.4m), their positioning at odd angles to each other, and their relative dating.
- B1217 (Neolithic)
Locus comprised of the packing for a surface located at the top of this locus and the bottom of B1216. This surface is also confined by walls-B1219 and B1220 and is therefore considered exterior space.
- B1216 (Neolithic)
The floor located between the top of this locus and the bottom of B1215 is above walls B1219 and B1220 and is instead confined to the south by wall-B1214. The level of this floor is even to the bottom of the bedding for wall B1214, which indicates that both floor and wall belong to the same period.
- B1213 & B1215 (Neolithic)
These loci are made up of red clay mixed with moderate tumble at the bottom of which were a few patches of green-gray roofing clay associated with the floor between B1215 and B1216. At the top of B1213 is a very compacted layer of red clay that may be a potential floor/surface.
- B1210 & B1212
A potential surface is located between B1212 and B1213, however this is uncertain due to the similarities in the matrices of the loci above and below this level. This surface consists of a very hard packed layer of clay on top of which the first Neolithic sherds were found during excavation. At the top of this locus-B1210 is an earlier floor surface located at the same elevation as the bottom of wall-B1204; therefore these two features are contemporary.
- B1209 (Iron Age)
It is difficult to determine where wall-B703 terminates due to the stones that have slipped out of place along its length. There is, however, a very distinct line where the soil changes from bright red clay to a much lighter brown. If this marker is any indication of where the wall ends, it is located at the same elevation as the floor surface located between the top of this locus and the bottom of B1207.
- B1207 (Iron Age)
Locus consists of green-gray roofing clay associated with the floor surface between this locus and the top of B1209.
- B1202, B1203, & B1205.2
These loci consist of the tumble across the room.
- B1201
Locus consists of topsoil beneath modern surface.
- B1205.1, B1206, & B1208
Locus consists of unconsolidated soil above and to the west of wall-B1211. B1211 has the appearance of a terrace wall due to its thickness and the very large stones that make up the

wall's west face. The unconsolidated soil, which lacks any suggestion of a surface, seems to be resting against the terrace wall and may continue down to the terrace below.

Synopsis:

The earliest level of occupation uncovered in this trench consists of two Neolithic walls that run at approximately a 40-degree angle to one another. Because these walls disappear under the later Iron Age walls and into areas that have not yet been excavated, it is difficult to tell their exact function and relationship to one another. The angle at which they are associated suggests that the space between them does not form a room and instead it is more likely that the two surfaces excavated between these walls are exterior space. Objects found in the excavation of these surfaces include a chipped stone tool, a chert blade, a chert scraper, and stone tools along with potsherds, bone, chipped stone and pumice.

Atop these earliest walls, another Neolithic wall was built using the remnants of the south wall as its bedding. A surface was found associated with this later Neolithic wall which is not confined to the north and continues into the unexcavated Neolithic levels in the neighboring trench (B700). Some pottery, bone, chipped stone and stone beads were found with this surface, but its function is uncertain until further excavation of the neighboring trenches is completed.

A potential surface was excavated that contained Neolithic pottery, debitage, a stone tool and a bone tool. It is difficult to determine whether or not it is a surface since the matrices of the loci both above and below this layer of packed red clay are nearly identical. It was above this layer, however, that the first Neolithic sherds were found during excavation.

The soil throughout these Neolithic levels is a bright red clay which appears immediately below the Iron Age levels and is distinctly different from the dull brown soil found at higher elevations within the trench.

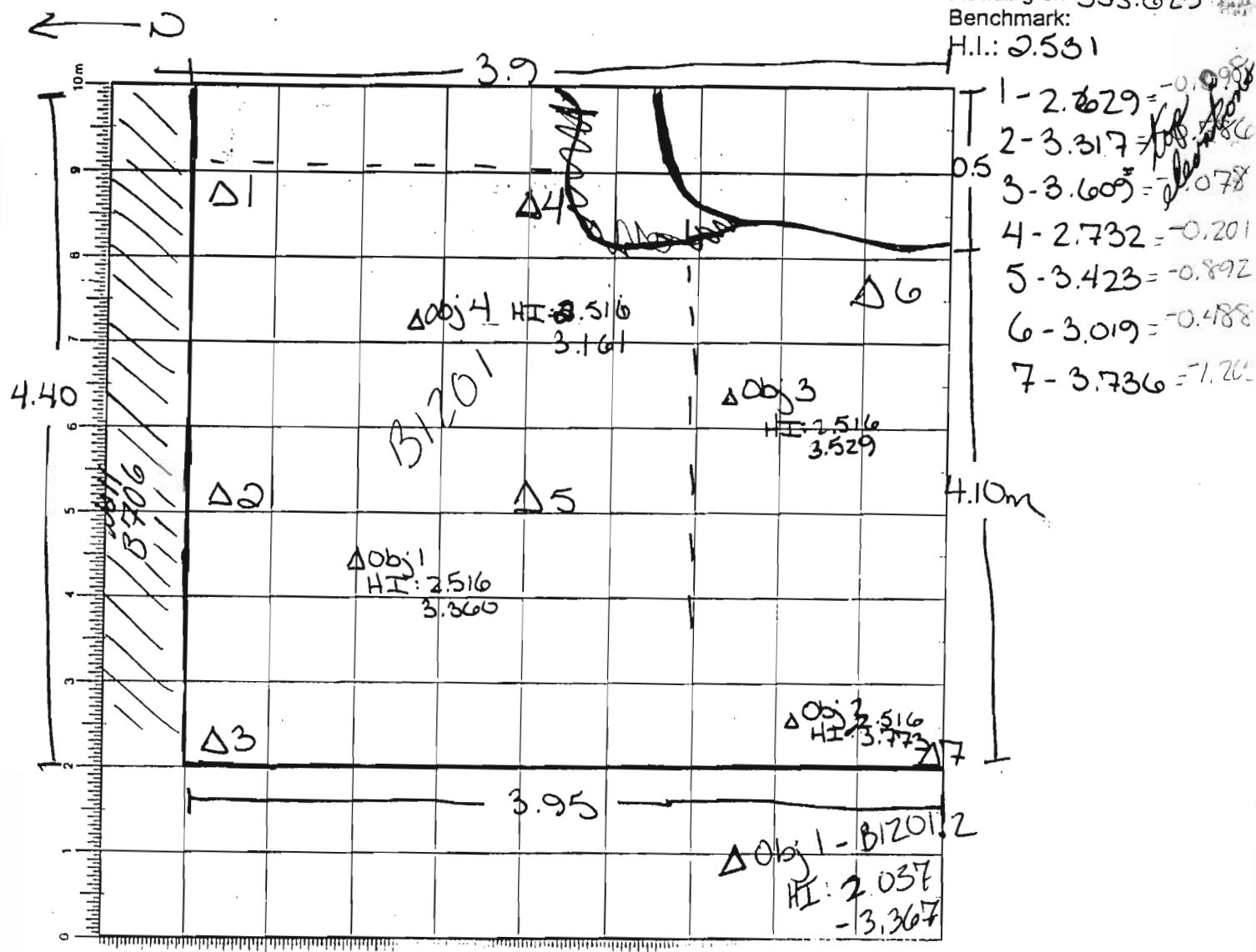
Above the Neolithic walls is an Iron Age room confined by four walls. There are two floors associated with this room. On the earliest surface, finds consist of potsherds including a large pithos fragment, animal bones, a stone tool, a bronze pin and a fragment of a bull figurine. This floor surface is associated with the south wall of the room whose courses do not continue below this level. Just above this surface is the latest level of habitation excavated within this trench which contains pottery, bone, shell, pumice, a stone tool, and iron slag. This floor is topped by an 8cm deposit of green-gray roofing clay followed by a half-meter layer of tumble that stretched across the length of the room.

Although four walls define this room, there is little suggestion of a doorway. The most likely possibility, in my opinion, is a small area at the south end of the west wall. Though due to erosion, there is a low level of preservation here. There is a distinct line in the stones which suggest a doorway, however, it is improbable since the west wall has the appearance of a terrace wall and the door would then open out into nothingness. I believe that further excavation along the west wall might be enlightening since the highest level of preserved stones look to have slipped into the room as they are sitting on empty soil and therefore the corners of the room are farther west. This would also continue along the same line as the west cross-wall belonging to the rooms located north of this trench.

The relationship of this room to the two rooms located to the north is a puzzle. Though they share walls, no door connects this room to the next. The rooms to the north contain large pithoi scatters whereas the contents of this room are small in comparison. The size of this room is another distinguishing factor, it being little more than two meters across. At this time, the function and relationship of this room to the larger context of the site is enigmatic where continuing excavation of the surrounding areas may lead to further clarity of this space.

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1201 Excavator NMD**Elevations**

Benchmark used: Q9
 Reading on 355.625
 Benchmark:
 H.I.: 2.531



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 19 Jun 03 Locus above: B1200 surface

Locus parameters: ~4x4m contained to the east by a possible southern continuation of wall-B703. And to the north Verbal description: by wall-B706

Surface material. Large rocks piled up along the eastern edge of the trench which appear to back up to bedrock in the SE corner.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Year 03

Trench/Locus B1201

Excavator 300D

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
B1201.1	3.720 kg	177	Archaic, Orient, LG-EO, LMTIIC
B1201.2	5.820 kg	191	Hell., Archaic, LG, LMTIIC
B1200.1 surface	0.590 kg	21	LG, LG-EO LG-EO, Orientalizing, LMTIIC ⁺ protopalatial
B1201.3	0.560 kg	36	Archaic, LG, LMTIIC

OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	B1201.1	stone tool	mid N edge (see sketch)		
2	B1201.1	stone tool frag	SW corner (see sketch)		
3	B1201.1	worked bone	mid S edge (see sketch)		
4	B1201.1	stone tool frag	(see sketch)		
1	B1201.2	stone tool	(see sketch)		

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1201 Excavator NMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

19 Jun 03

Pail B1201.1 - ~~surface collection~~ top soil pass

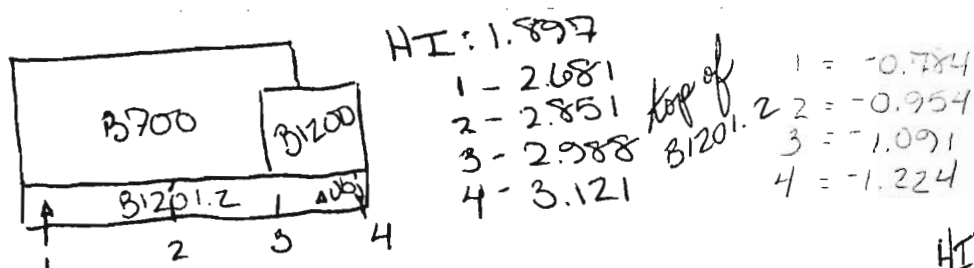
* B709 is now a part of B1200 as it is located south of ^{well} B700 and therefore is part of a separate architectural space than the one found in B700.

It is already clear that the tumble is high in the NE corner and there is none seen in the SW corner. The south face of a crosswall is starting to appear approx. 1m from the southern edge of the trench and is distinctive because there is no tumble any farther south from this face.

Several objects found along with pottery and very little bone. Objects include 3 stone tools and 1 worked bone which looks like an inlay.

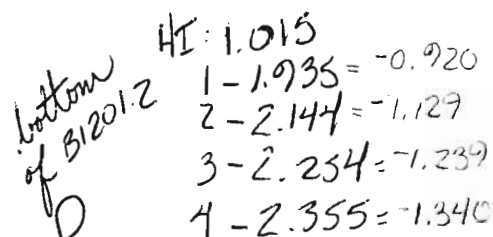
20 Jun 03

Pail B1201.2 - surface material from trench extension, 1m west of B1200 and B700.



Obj F - stone tool @ south end of pass

~~pass~~ trench was extended for the purpose of searching for the west walls for the rooms in B700 + B1200.



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Year 03

Trench/Locus B1201

Excavator NMD

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Year 03 Trench/Locus B1201 Excavator UMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

23 Jun 03

B1201.5 - top soil from southern trench extension

pottery
bone
stone tool x2

24 Jun 03

B1201.6 - continuation of pass through top soil. in southern trench extension

25 Jun 03

B1201.7 - continuation of pass through top soil. in southern trench extension

• olive pits
• pottery
• bone

the NE part of the trench extension, mixed in with the tumble, there appears to be some roofing clay appearing in patches. (greenish-grey)

26 Jun 03

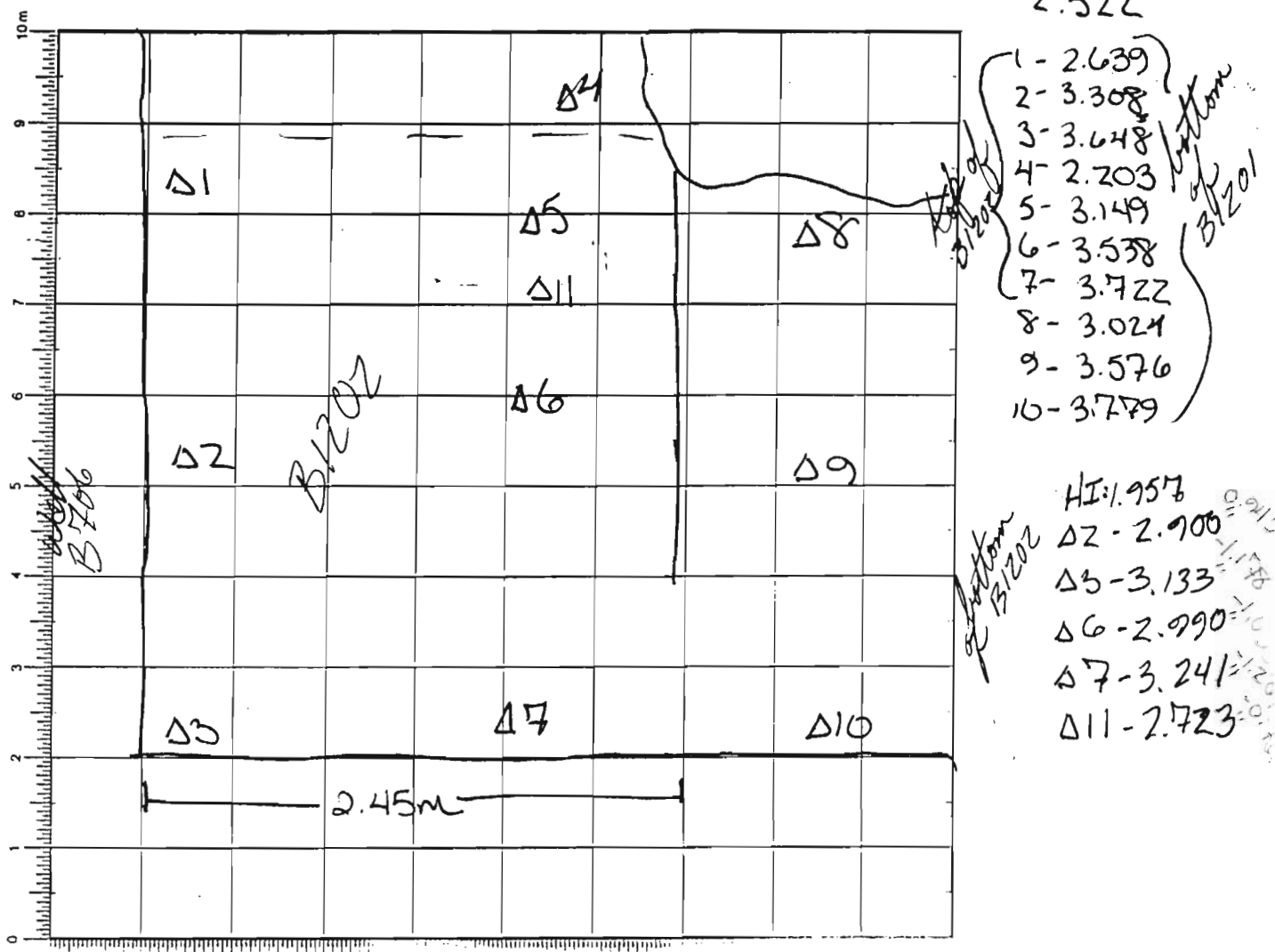
B1201.8 - clearing of loose surface soil in the area next to and on top of bedrock in south trench extension.

27 Jun 03

B1201.9 - ^{top soil} surface clearing of west trench extension
B1201.9 - ~~surface~~ excavation of west trench extension.

Elevations

Benchmark used: 129
Reading on
Benchmark: 355.625
H.I.: 2.522



Today's date: 19 Jun 03 Locus above: ~~1000000000~~ 31201

Local parameters: contained to the north by B706, to the south by the emerging crosswall, and to the east by the extension of B703.
Verbal description: $\sim 2.5 \times 4 \text{ m}$

Verbal description:

change of locus due to the discovery of the south face of a crosswall in the southern half of the trench. This is also the layer of soil underneath the topsoil. Loose gravelly soil coming down onto tumble.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Year 03

Trench/Locus

B1202

Excavator NMD

[illegible]

OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1202 Excavator JMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

19 Jun 03 ^{20 Jun 03} New architectural feature has redefined the area of excavation prompting a change of locus.
 B1202.1 - pass across locus to define north face of ^{southern} cross wall ~~and to bring some down on top of the tumble.~~

little bone and some pottery found

stone tool - location unknown

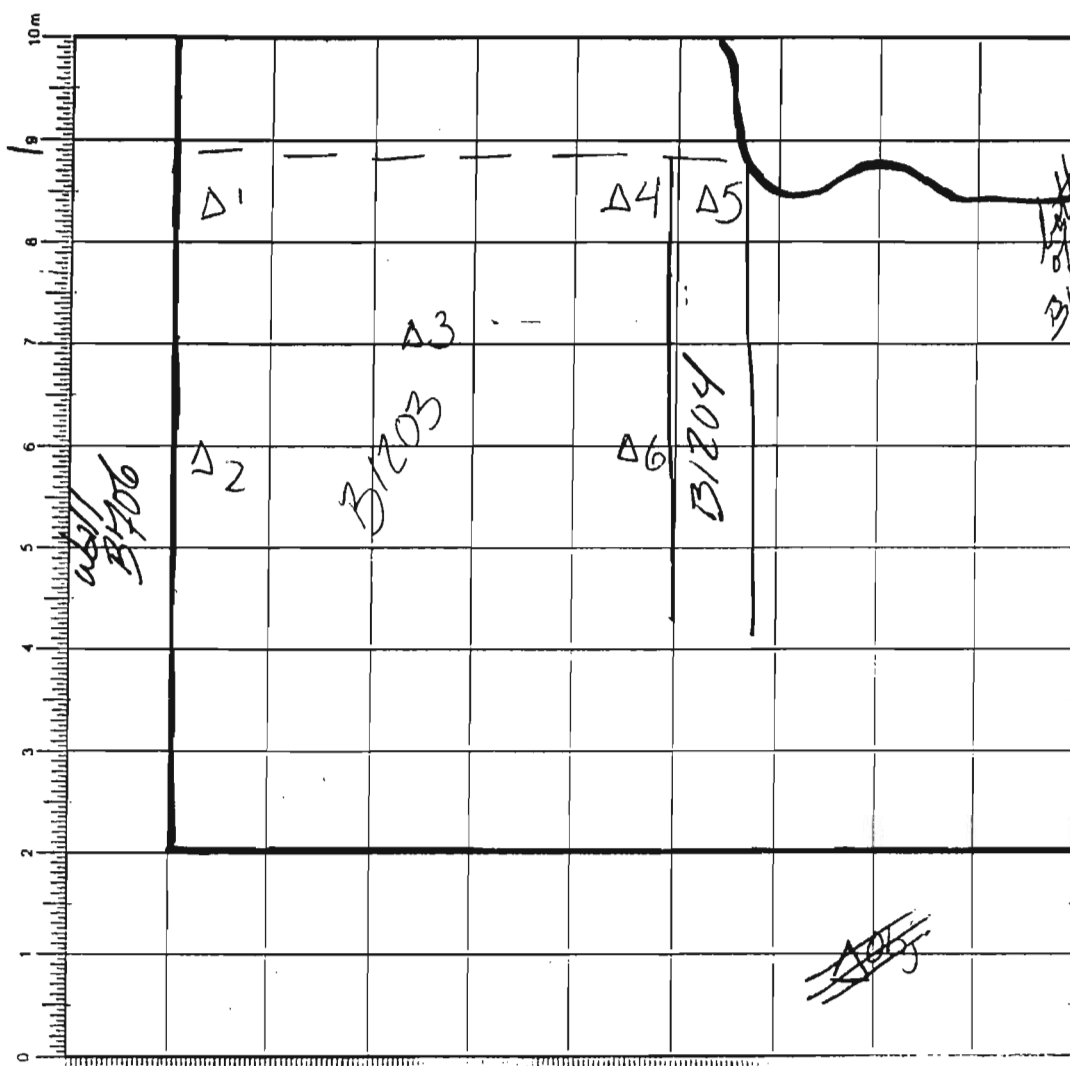
pattern of tumble mimics that found in B700
 extending ~3m across/down the room.

20 Jun 03

coming down onto tumble in the eastern half of the locus through loose gravelly soil

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1203 Excavator NMDElevationsBenchmark used: 29

Reading on

Benchmark: 355.625H.I.: 18.97

1 - 2.571 = -0.674
 2 - 2.684 = -0.787
 3 - 2.658 = -0.761
 4 - 2.498 = -0.601
 5 - 2.458 = -0.561
 6 - 2.712 = -0.815

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 19 Jun 03Locus above: ~~B1201~~ B1201 & B1202Locus parameters: confined by walls B1206, B1203, B1204 and the west edge of the trench.

Verbal description:

The new locus consists of the tumble layer which spills across the room, the tumble being a change in the consistency of the soil and requiring a new locus.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

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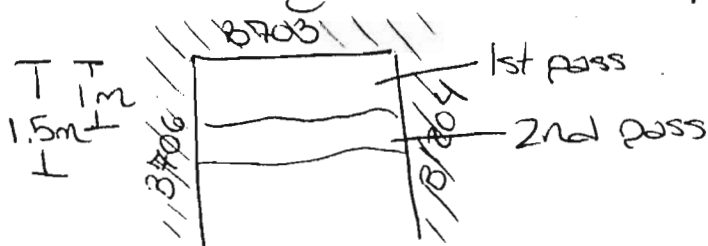
Year 03 Trench/Locus B1203 Excavator WMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

19 Jun 03

This locus consists of the excavation of the tumble which is sprawled across the room.

B1203.1 - First pass through the highest area of tumble against the back/east wall-B703. bone pottery 2 1/4"



5 zambilia screening for each pass

20 Jun 03

B1203.2 - continuation of screening from the 1st pass which was not completed on 19 Jun 03.

B1203.3 - second pass through tumble, starting approx. 1.5m west from wall B703.

The walls are becoming much more defined though there is a lot of slipping along B703 and it is bulging slightly to the south. B706 is very well preserved along both of its faces. B1204 is best preserved to the west. The east end of the wall is more slipped than would be expected against the back wall-B703. The stones that were badly slipped were removed and a stable course of the wall was revealed during the pass across tumble - B1203.3

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1203 Excavator MD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

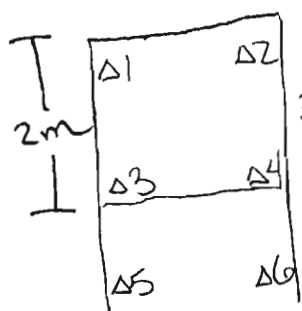
23 Jun 03

B1203.4 - third pass through tumble in the room.

As more courses appear the walls become more defined.

- pottery
- bone
- carbon (little)
- pumice
- sea stone

some tumble continues next to the wall but some roofing clay is also starting to show through - bits of shiny green and smooth/slippery patches.



3rd pass (B1203.4)

HI: 1.234

1 - 1.995

2 - 2.091

3 - 2.153

4 - 2.263

5 - 2.336

6 - 2.454

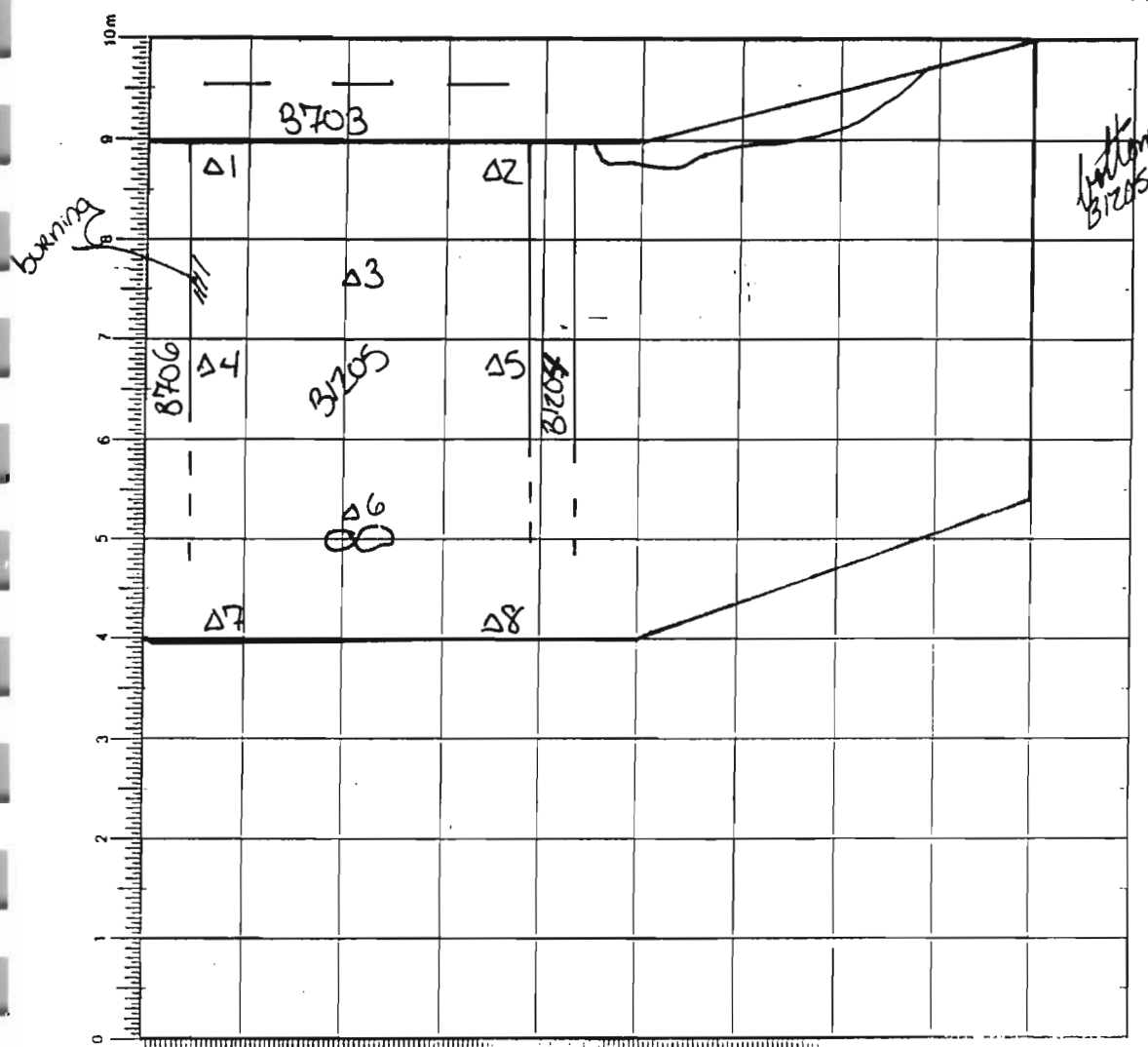
the soil has become too muddy to continue digging for fear of not being able to see the emerging roofing clay. Therefore, the trench is being extended to the south so that work can continue in the day soil and the room can dry out.

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1205 Excavator NMD

Elevations

Benchmark used: 29

Reading on

Benchmark: 355.625H.I.: 1.162

- 1 - 2.095 = -0.933
- 2 - 2.162 = -1.000
- 3 - 2.293 = -1.131
- 4 - 2.363 = -1.201
- 5 - 2.454 = -1.292
- 6 - 2.442 = -1.280
- 7 - 2.453 = -1.291
- 8 - 2.537 = -1.375

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 24 Jun 03 Locus above: B1203 + B1202Locus parameters: locus confined by walls - B703 + B706 + B1204 and the west edge of the trench.

Verbal description:

region of mixed tumble with roofing clay beginning to peak through. very little tumble in the western half of the trench. changed locus due to change in the soil mentioned above.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Year 03

Trench/Locus

BIZOS

Excavator NMD

B1205.1

Weight of
SherdsNumber
of Sherds

Chronology & Comments

1.8410 ka

188

Arch (Githos) Orient LITHIC

B1205.2

4.695 kg

441

Arch Orient, LMIII C

OBJECTS

Object
Number

Associated
Pottery Pail

Identification
(material/form)

Location

Elevation

Catalogue
Number

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery
Pail Number

11150

Shell

Carbon

Pumice

Soil
SampleOther
(specify)

B1205.1



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~~sea~~ sea stone
sea stones

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1205 Excavator JMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

24 Jun 03

Locus consists of moderate tumble in the east edge next to wall-B1703 mixed with bits of greenish clay which may be the roofing material. The central region is largely absent of stones with ~~some~~ ^{some} tumble present in the western 1/3 of the locus.

B1205.1 - pass across western 2m of the locus. Dig separately due to its relative proximity to the modern surface and ~~therefore~~ thus the possibility for contamination

more of crosswall-B1204 exposed, extending its visible length an additional 40cm

pottery
bone
1/4" screen
sea stone

there appears to be a linear accumulation ~ 60cm from the west edge of the trench of three stones at right angles to B1706 + B1204. (crosswall???)

B1205.2 - continuation of the pass across the eastern part of the trench

area of burning ^{soil is dark brown, very fine} along the north wall-B1706, small sample of carbon taken - not a particularly defined area (no soil sample)

pottery
bone
1/4"

~~approx~~ a little over 1 meter from wall-B1703, the soil is taking on a flecky green and dark brown/black appearance. (intensive soil sample taken from the 5x3 m area against the wall)

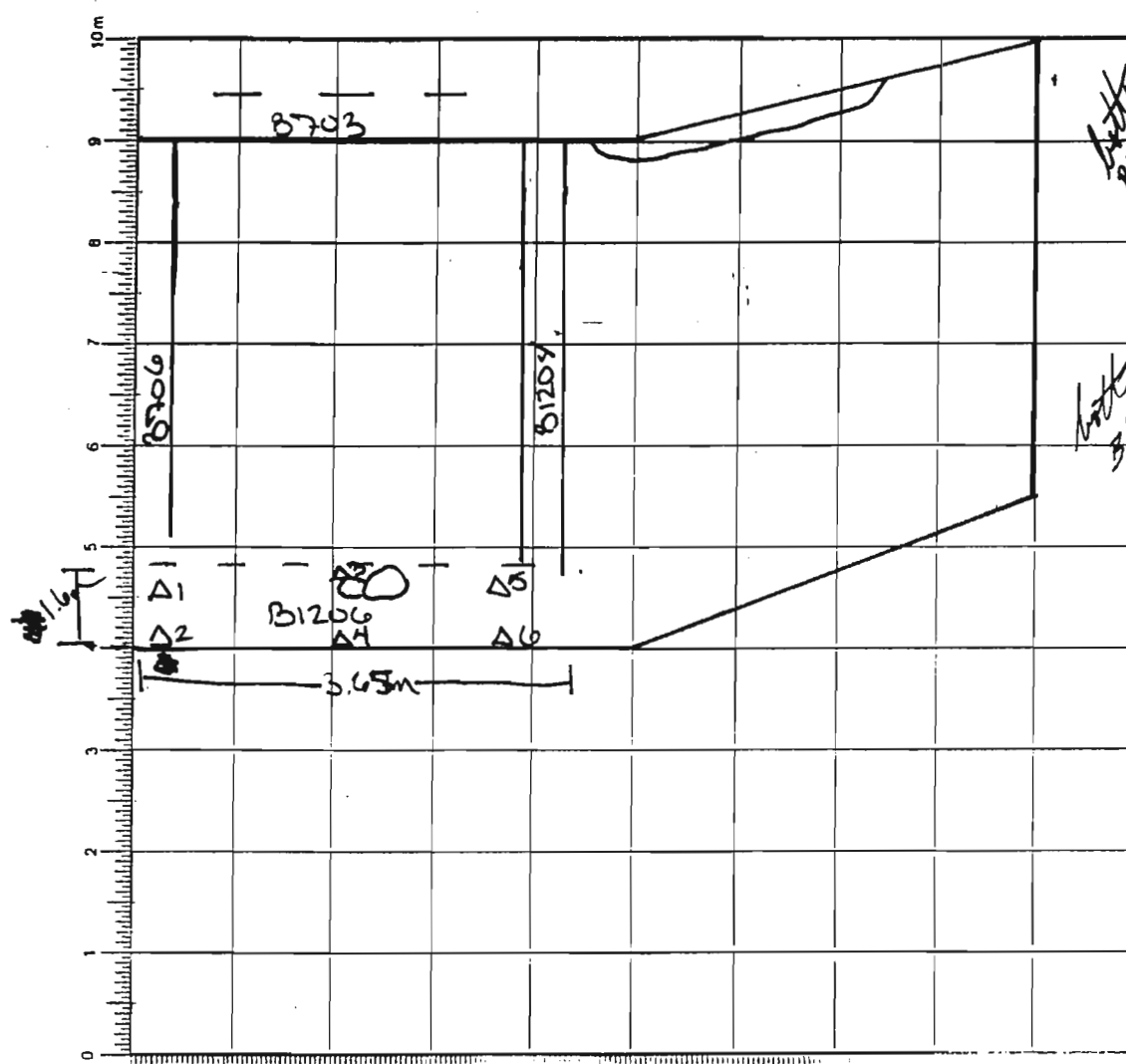
in the tumble against the wall, the soil is mixed with patches of bright, olive green clay → roofing. There are also many flecks of carbon (too small to collect)

Found in 1/4" screen

- bone
- pottery
- pumice
- sea stones
- shell

Elevations

Benchmark used: 129
Reading on
Benchmark: 355.625
H.I.: 1.982


$$\begin{aligned} 1 - 3.335 &= -1.353 \\ 2 - 3.413 &= -1.413 \\ 3 - 3.395 &= -1.415 \\ 4 - 3.487 &= -1.487 \\ 5 - 3.409 &= -1.427 \\ 6 - 3.494 &= -1.514 \end{aligned}$$

HI: 1872

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - 3.435 &= -1.563 \\ 2 - 3.446 &= -1.574 \\ 4 - 3.489 &= -1.617 \\ 5 - 3.448 &= -1.576 \\ 6 - 3.421 &= -1.547 \end{aligned}$$

Today's date: 26 Jun 03 Locus above: ~~31205~~ 31205

Verbal description: Confined by the projected lines for walls B3706 + B3704, the west edge of the trench and extending in east.

Verbal description:

area of mixed soil and roofing clay and is being called a new locus because of the change in soil but is being excavated separately from the rest of the room because of the 3 stones located ~5m from the west edge of trench which may turn out to be a wall. Therefore this locus may be exterior space to be kept separate from the interior space of the room.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Year 03 Trench/Locus: B1206 Excavator NMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

26 Jun 03 new architectural feature redefining the space, thus new locus.

pottery
bone
sea stone
B1206.1 - pass across the locus to define the potential bottom crosswall keeping separate the ~~id~~ exterior space from the interior.

linear accumulation becoming more substantial
soil is loose and somewhat gravelly

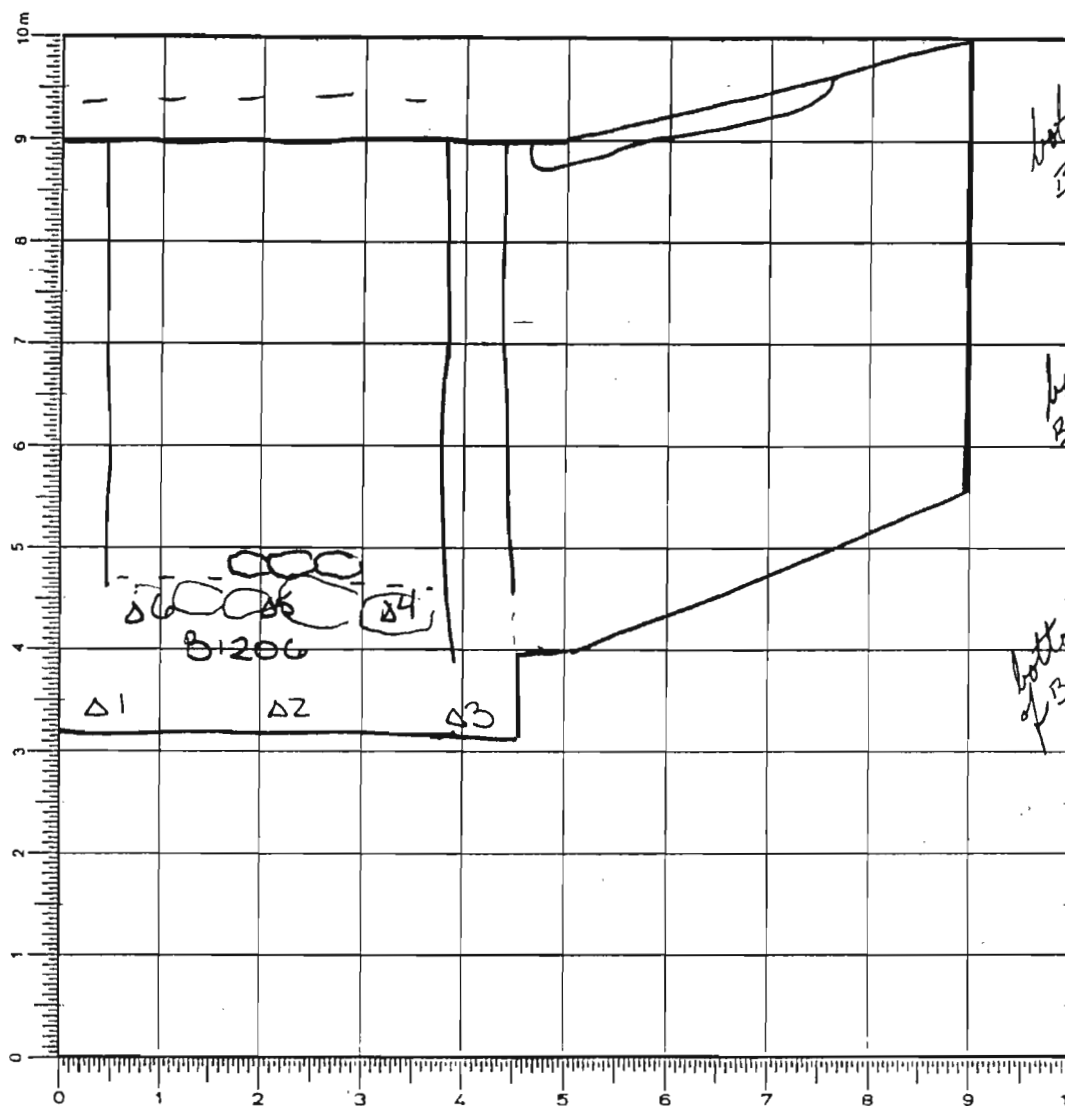
B1206.2 - second pass ~~a~~ across the locus but limited to the space west of the linear accumulation of rocks, ~.8m

the crosswall - B1204's visible length was extended during this pass making the linear accumulation unlikely as a wall and more probably tumble. B1204 now seems to disappear into the ~~area~~ west scarp of the trench suggesting that the west wall of the room is farther west and located within the bulk if it is still preserved.

again soil is loose and unconsolidated, - little rock

Year 2003Trench/Locus B'206Excavator SPD**Elevations**Benchmark used: 29

Reading on

Benchmark: 355.625H.I.: 1.872

bottom of B'206.3
 1 - 3.392 = -1.520
 2 - 3.443 = -1.57
 3 - 3.487 = -1.595

HI: 1.975

bottom of B'206.4
 1 - 3.618 = -1.723
 2 - 3.704 = -1.729
 3 - 3.670 = -1.695
 4 - 3.545 = -1.570
 5 - 3.657 = -1.682
 6 - 3.654 = -1.679

HI: 1.892

bottom of B'206.4
 1 - 3.780 = -1.838
 2 - 3.755 = -1.863
 3 - 3.752 = -1.860

SKETCH 1:75

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 27 June 03Locus above: ~~B'205~~ B'205 + B'208

the area to the west of the linear rock accumulation

Verbal description:

locus has not changed though the width of the potential crosswall has increased with the emergence of large boulders and the area has increased due to an extension 80m into the bulk. The loose brown consistency of the soil is very similar to the soil-excavated close to the linear accumulation.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Year 03

Trench/Locus

B. 206

Excavator

NMD

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OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

27 Jun 03

B1206.3 - pass through the scarp which is bringing the bulk down to the same level as ^{the bottom of} B1206.2

found in 1/4" screen

- stone tool frag
- bone
- pottery

soil is very ~~very~~ loose and soft - unconsolidated

30 Jun 03

B1206.4 - pass across the whole locus to further define the west wall of the room and to determine the length of B1204.

again the soil is relatively soft

- little bone
- little pottery

1 Jul 03

B1206.5 - clearing around wall B1211

- little bone
- little pottery

B1206.6 - pass along the west 60cm of the locus to further define B1211 and to determine the doorway for the room.

- little bone
- little pottery

2 Jul 03

B1206.7 - continuation of the previous pass - B1206.6

soil is very loose, unconsolidated

- little pottery (no screening)

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1207 Excavator NMD

Elevations

Benchmark used: 29

Reading on

Benchmark: 355.625H.I.: 1.981

1- 3.092 = -1.111

2- 3.148 = -1.167

3- 3.187 = -1.206

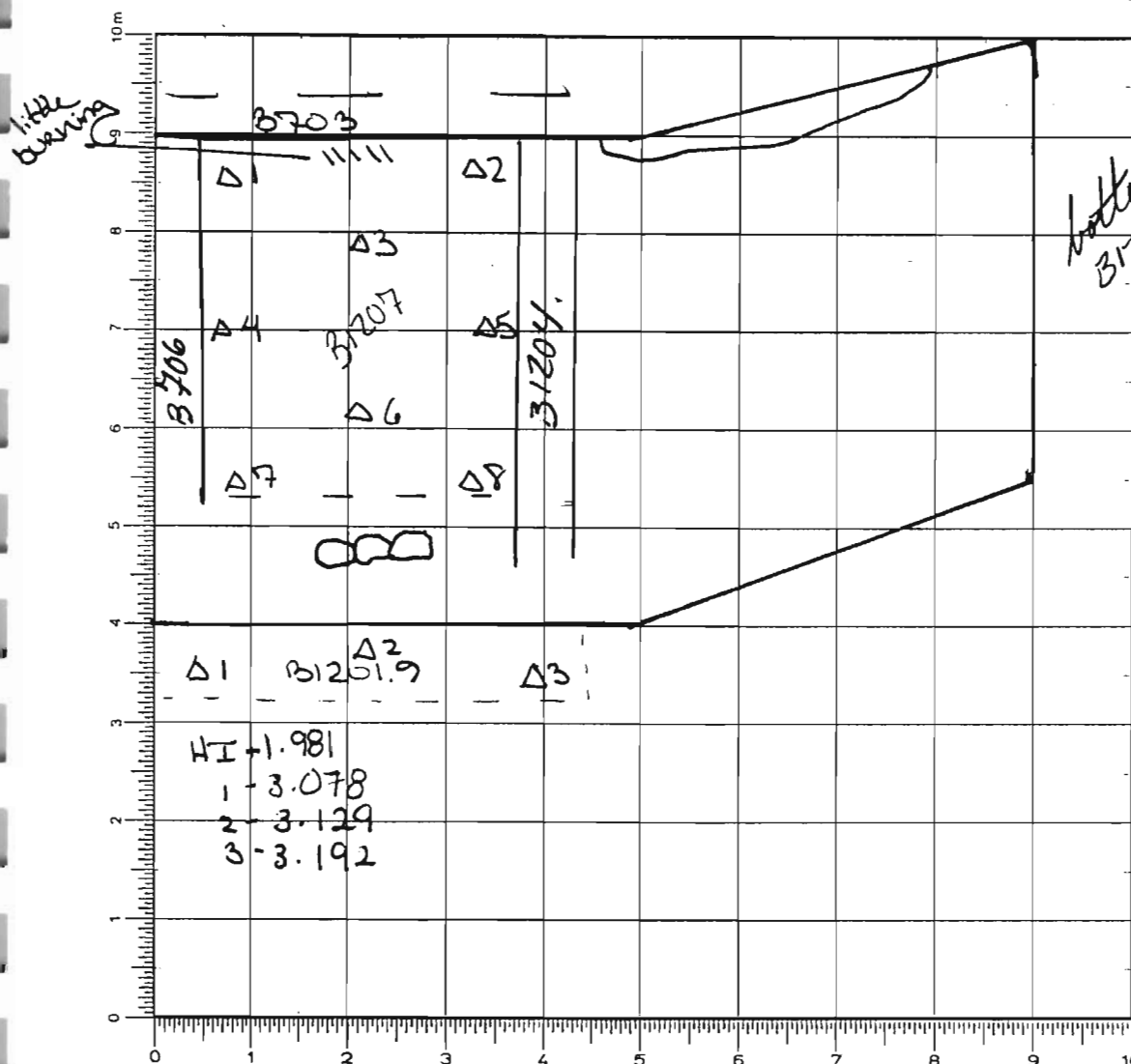
4- 3.176 = -1.195

5- 3.237 = -1.256

6- 3.304 = -1.322

7- 3.309 = -1.328

8- 3.364 = -1.383



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 26 Jun 03 Locus above: ~~B1200~~ B1205Locus parameters: confined by walls B1206, B1207, + B1204 and ~ m
from the west edge of trench

Verbal description:

roofing material from interior of room, soil is a
bright olive green clay

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Year 03

Trench/Locus

31207

Excavator

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OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1207 Excavator NMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

26 Jun 03

B1207.1 - pass through ~~top~~ layer of roofing clay in room. - bright greenish-grey clay, hard packed

coming down on top of more roofing clay and patches of tumble mixed together

some fine pottery ~~found~~ found against the crosswall along with an abundance of larger sherds from the length of the pass.

Found in screening:

- pottery
- bone
- shell
- stone tool
- sea stones
- "magic rock" 3 Jul 03
5/29

standard soil sample taken along with intensive sample from the SE corner. sample not taken from NE corner of the room due to the abundance of tumble ∴ very little soil.

27 Jun 03

B1207.2 - finishing up roofing clay pass against B700.

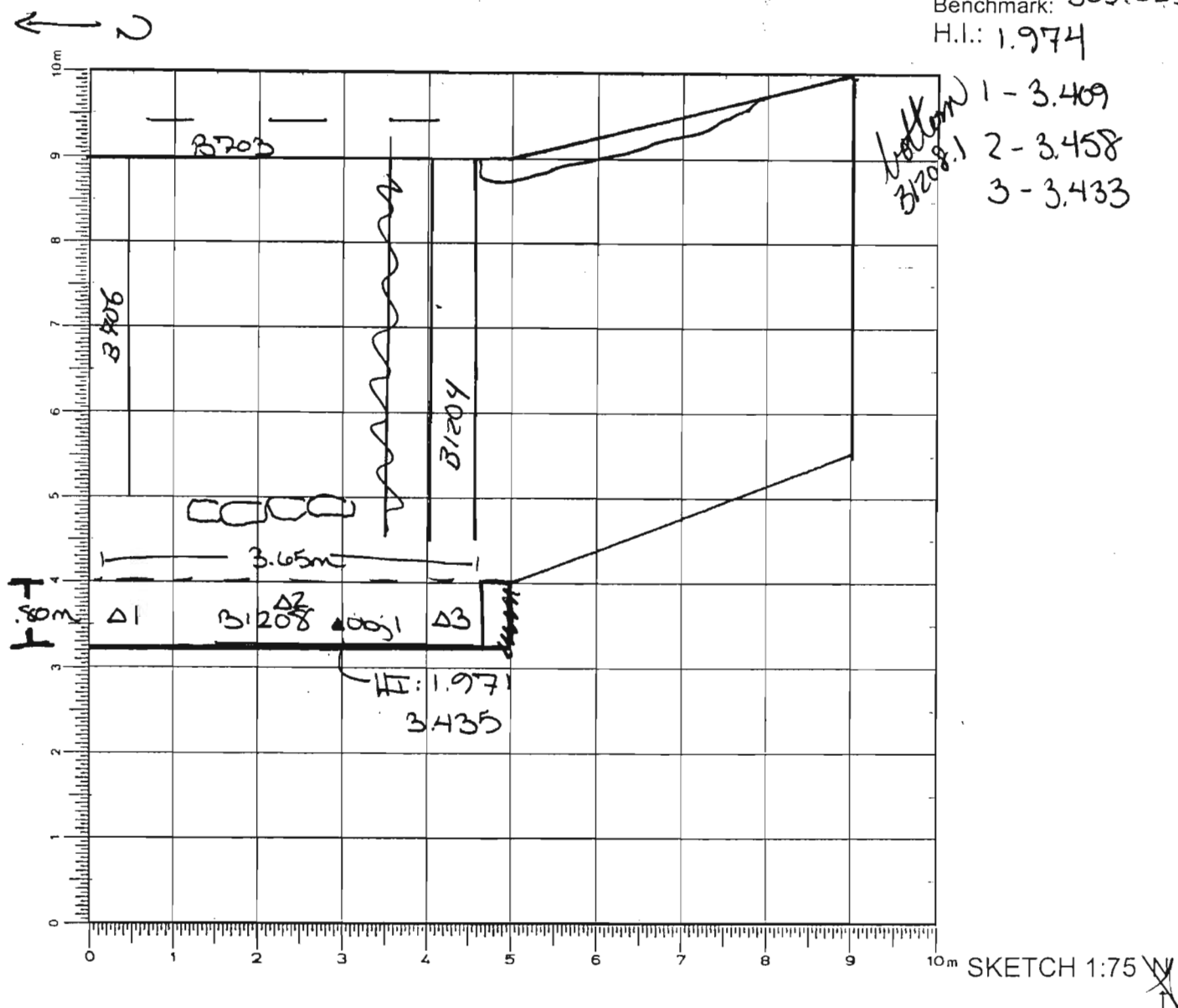
some larger bits of charcoal along with ~~redish~~ redish bent clay in the middle along the back wall.

Found in screening:

- bone
- pottery
- pumice

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1208 Excavator NMDElevationsBenchmark used: R9Reading on 355.625

Benchmark:

H.I.: 1.974DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):Today's date: 27 Jun 03 Locus above: ~~B1208~~ B1201Locus parameters: 0.80m west of trench confined by B1204 to the south.

Verbal description:

locus below topsoil of west trench extension.
called a separate locus for control since it is hard to
determine its relationship with either B1205 or B1206

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1208 Excavator JMD

[illegible]

OBJECTS

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ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

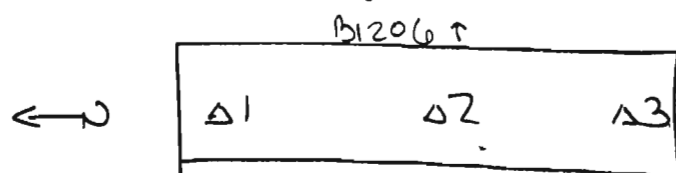
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Year 03 Trench/Locus B1208 Excavator JMO

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

27 Jun 03 cont

elevations for the west extension and cut into bulk:



① surface top (B1201.9)	HI: 1.981	② surface bottom (B1201.9)	HI: 1.981 -
	1 - 3.078 = -1.097		1 - 3.291 = -1.310
	2 - 3.129 = -1.148		2 - 3.308 = -1.327
	3 - 3.192 = -1.211		3 - 3.287 = -1.306

B1208.1	HI: 1.974	③ B1206.3	HI:
③ bottom	1 - 3.409 = -1.435		1 -
B1206.3	2 - 3.458 = -1.484	bottom	2 -
top	3 - 3.433 = -1.459		3 -

B1208.1 - pass through the bulk under the ~~soil~~ top soil
 • pottery in the west trench extension
 • stone tool

loose soil with only light gravel and few stones.

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1209 Excavator NMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

27 Jun 03

~~excavation of locus~~
 B1209.1 - pass across locus through pitting coming down onto ~~the~~ floor surface. Lots of small sherds and bones along with many small pieces of carbon and large patches of burnt clay (bright red)

coming down on the floor surface the clay is a mix of reds and browns along with some mustard yellow which may be the unburnt clay. Along the north wall - ~~is~~ B706, mixed in with a bit of tumble there are patches of green roofing clay similar to the material from ~~B1207~~ B1207

everything run through the 1/4" screen.

- pottery
- bone
- standard soil sample
- shell
- pumice
- carbon
- sea stone.

30 Jun 03

B1209.2 - continuation of the pass across the locus starting approx. 1.8m west from wall-B703. The floor seems to rise here which may have to do with the pitting caused by the removal of tumble in the western half of the locus.

- pottery
- bone

found in screen
 • bronze pin
 • shell
 • pumice
 • sea stone

- bone
- pottery

B1209.3 - cleaning off the western corners of the room and the crosswalks

B1209.3 - cleaning of the western corners of the room and the crosswalks for more definition

- pottery

possible area of contamination

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1209 Excavator JMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

30 Jun 03 cont....

B1209.4 - pass under B1209.2 to bring it down to the same level as B1209.1 thinking that the floor is lower than thought.

more carbon in larger quantities than previously seen in the higher passes and other areas of the room

intensive^{soil} sample taken along north wall^{B706} (see locus sheet) in this area there was also a vessel frag that was shattered into many shreds and placed in a separate pail - B1209.6

(B1204.5 - pointed vessel frag shattered during excavation)

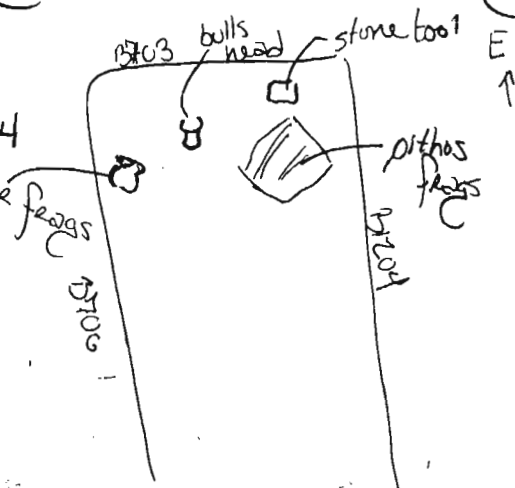
pithos scatter found 5m from the SE corner of the room

- pottery
- bone
- pumice
- stone tool
- bull figurine fragment

intensive soil sample taken from NE corner
standard soil sample

the clay located centrally along wall - B703 is especially burnt (very red) and is incredibly hard packed!

? questionable whether B1204 continues beneath this surface?



Year 03 Trench/Locus B1210 Excavator JMD

Elevations

Benchmark used: 29

Reading on

Benchmark: 355.625H.I.: 1.981

1 - 3.211 = -1.230

2 - 3.342 = -1.361

3 - 3.325 = -1.344

4 - 3.426 = -1.445

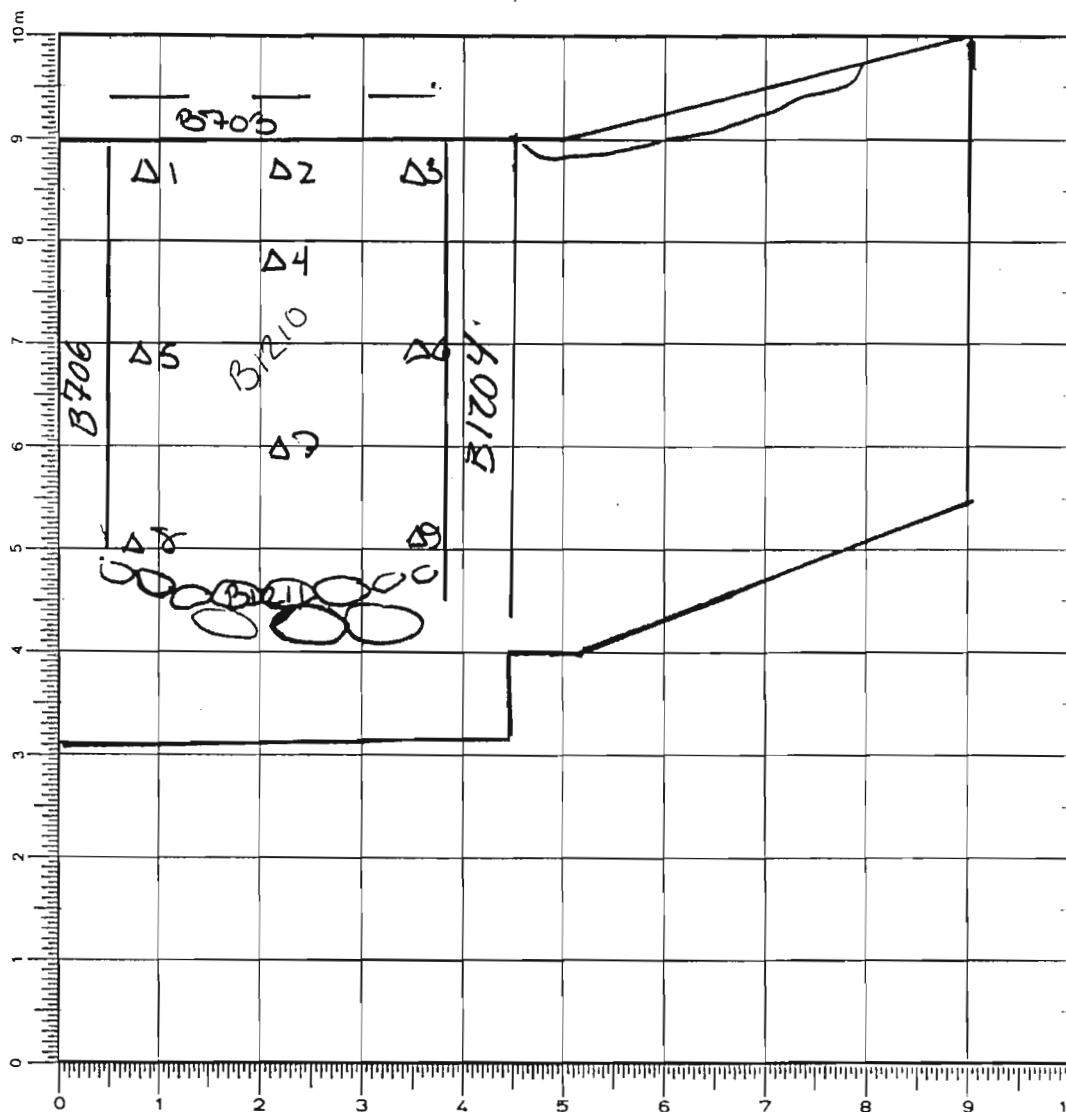
5 - 3.388 = -1.407

6 - 3.398 = -1.417

7 - 3.452 = -1.471

8 - 3.444 = -1.463

9 - 3.446 = -1.465



SKETCH 1:75

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 1 Jul 03Locus above: ~~B1209~~ B1209Locus parameters: confined by walls B706, B703, B1204, + B1211.

Verbal description:

Floor and packing material ~~existing down on the~~
~~next surface~~. Consisting of packed clay supported from
 beneath by a gravelly matrix

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

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OBJECTS

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ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 03 Trench/Locus B1210 Excavator NMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

1 Jul 03

B1210.1 - pass across locus through the floor ~~of~~ ^{at the bottom} of B1209 and packing.

very red & gravelly soil which is very compacted.

some tumble in the central region of the room especially by the north wall - B1206. Amidst this tumble are patches of the mottled yellow (unburnt?) clay and small flecks of carbon.

moving into the room it is becoming clear that wall-B1204 does not continue ~~down to the floor surface~~ below this locus. Therefore, the wall B1204 is associated with the floor surface at the top of B1210 and the bottom of B1209.

(B1210.2 - pithos fragments from the ~~top~~ top of B1210)

- bone
- pottery
- soil samples
 - standard
 - intensive - central along east wall
 - intensive - SE corner.

Large ~~stone~~ rocks in NE corner of trench which appear to go deep into the floor

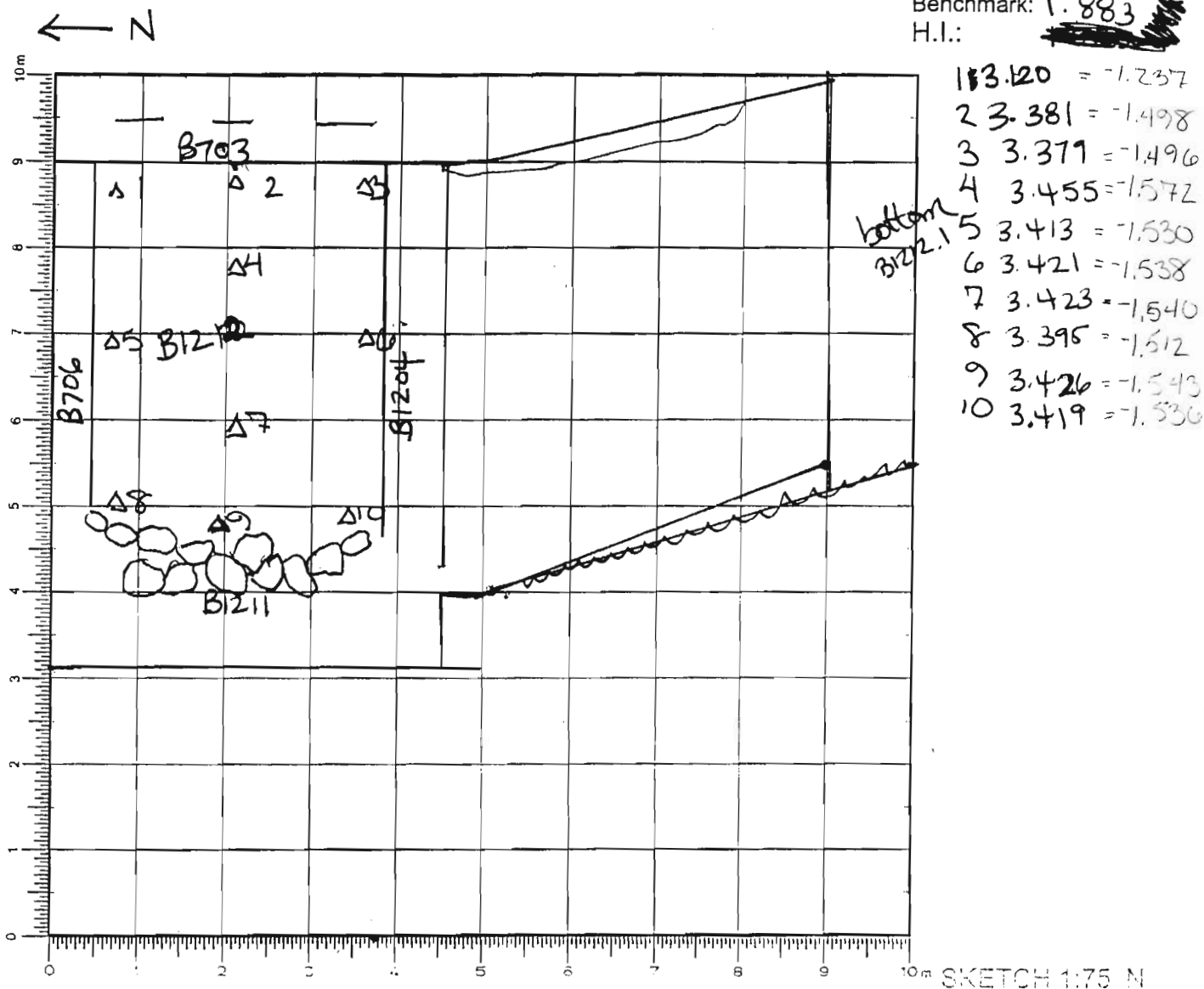
~~There are some small stones in the trench.~~

2 Jul 03

eastern end of ~~trench~~ ^{room} ~1.5m much redder than other areas of the trench... pre-bedrock? but it does not have the typical gravelly consistency and there ~~are some~~ ^{is additional} tumble beneath this surface

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1210 Excavator NMD

Elevations

 Benchmark used: 29
 Reading on 355.625
 Benchmark: 1.883
 H.I.: 353.742


DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 2 Jul 06Locus above: ~~B1210~~ B1210Locus parameters: confined by walls B706, B703, B1204, + B1211

Verbal description:

layer of floor packing mixed in with rubble also a
part of the fill.

bright red soil mixed in with rubble

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

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Year 03 Trench/Locus B1212 Excavator NMD

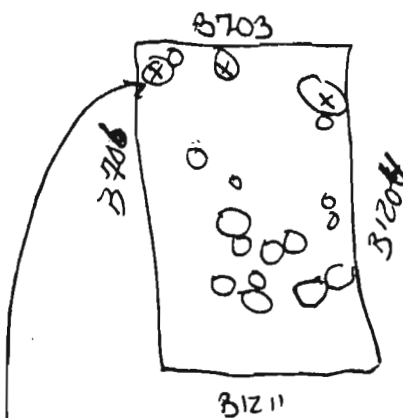
DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

2 Jul 03

B1212.1 - pass across the locus through a layer of floor packing.

the same red and ~~granular~~ rocky soil which was exposed in the previous pass across this area - B1210.

tumble encountered approx. 1.5m from the western wall and continues across the floor. Small flecks of carbon also start appearing at this point. More tumble can be seen under this pass.



Tumble  on bottom of pass

There appears to be some kind of surface seen between the areas of tumble especially in the NW corner of the room and along the west wall B1211

X Very large rocks are embedded in the floor along the east end of the locus

everything screened:

- bone
- pottery
- pumice

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1213 Excavator NMD

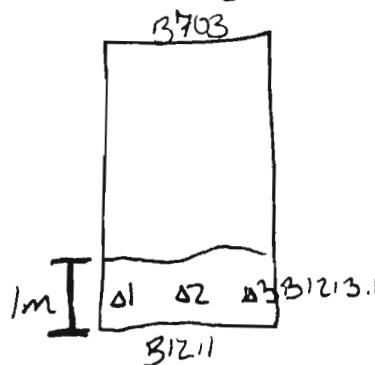
DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

3 Jul 03

calling this pass a new locus since there ~~is~~ seems to be a surface which B1212 came down on. However, the consistency of the soil in this pass is very similar to the previous pass B1212 and may be the same.

B1213.1 - pass ~~along~~ the west wall B1211 extending east approx. 1m where the last pass appeared to have banked up. Taken as a separate pail to isolate any possible contamination from later levels.

- little bone
- pottery
- (all screened)
- stone tool frags



HI: 1.883

1 - 3.533 = -1.650

2 - 3.532 = -1.649

3 - 3.500 = -1.617

B1213.2 - continuation of pass across the rest of the locus.

some gravelly packing with the red, pre-bedrock appearance

- (all screened)
- little bone
- pottery
- soil sample (SE corner)

some of the large rocks along the east end of the locus start to resemble an early wall which will be explored in the next pass.

B1213.3 - second pass across the west 1m under B1213.1 keeping separate this area from the rest of the locus which is full of small tumble.

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1213 Excavator NMD

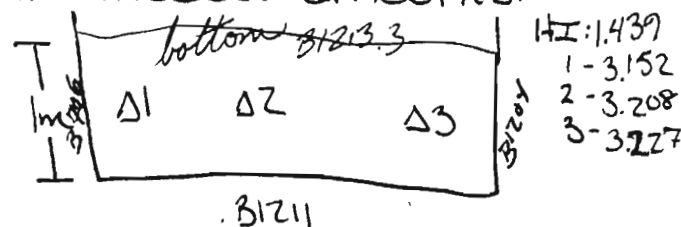
DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

3 Jul 03 cont...

B1213.3 cont... - ~~at the bottom~~ at the bottom of this pass there seems to be a surface ^{roofing clay?} first discernable in the SW corner of the locus. Flecks of carbon were the most noticeable feature of this new surface. The soil which the pass was made through was very wet unfortunately making visibility difficult, thus it did not proceed any further. In the screen however, along with the red clay, there was also traces of burnt soil ^(dark brown) and what seemed to be green roofing clay in modest amounts.

everything screened:

- little bone
- pottery



4 Jul 03

B1213.4 - continuation of the pass across the locus which was started by B1213.3 from a meter east of wall-B1211.

moving eastward across the locus a wall is emerging ~~along~~ next to the south wall - B1204

stone tool found along north wall-B1206 approx. 1.5 m from east wall of locus

bone tool found in the SE corner of ~~locus~~ pass. next to patch of yellow clay which is flecked with bits of carbon.

pottery is Neolithic!

standard soil sample

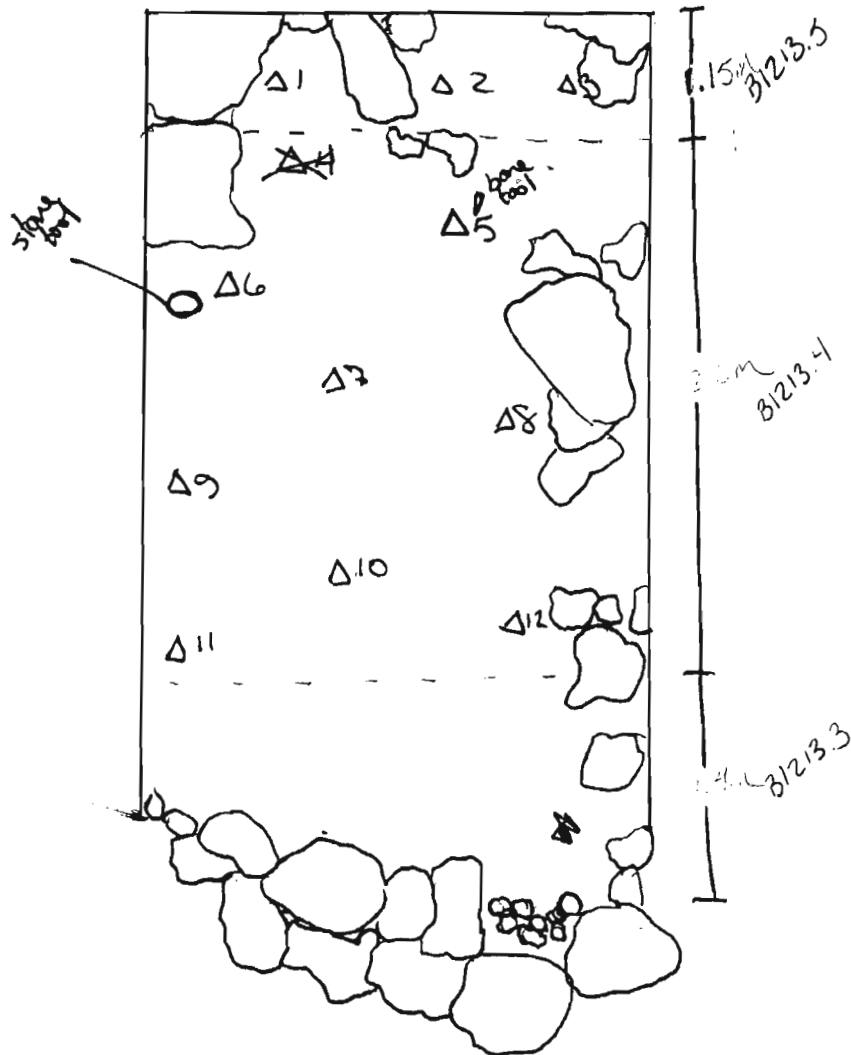
found in screen:

- pottery
- little bone

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1213 Excavator NMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

4 Jul 03 cont...

bottom B1213.4
HI: ~~1.439~~ 1.439

1 - 2.933	3.019 = -1.580
2 - 3.038	3.010 = -1.571
3 - 3.072	3.092 = -1.653
* 3.144	3.160 = -1.721
5 - 3.142	3.142 = -1.705
6 - 3.148	3.148 = -1.709
7 - 3.142	3.167 = -1.727
8 - 3.101	3.092 = -1.653
9 - 3.104	3.149 = -1.710
10 - 3.112	3.122 = -1.693
11 - 3.160	3.139 = -1.720
12 - 3.160	3.139 = -1.720

B1213.5 - clean-up operation along rock accumulation against wall B703.

- pottery
- intensive soil sample (SE corner)

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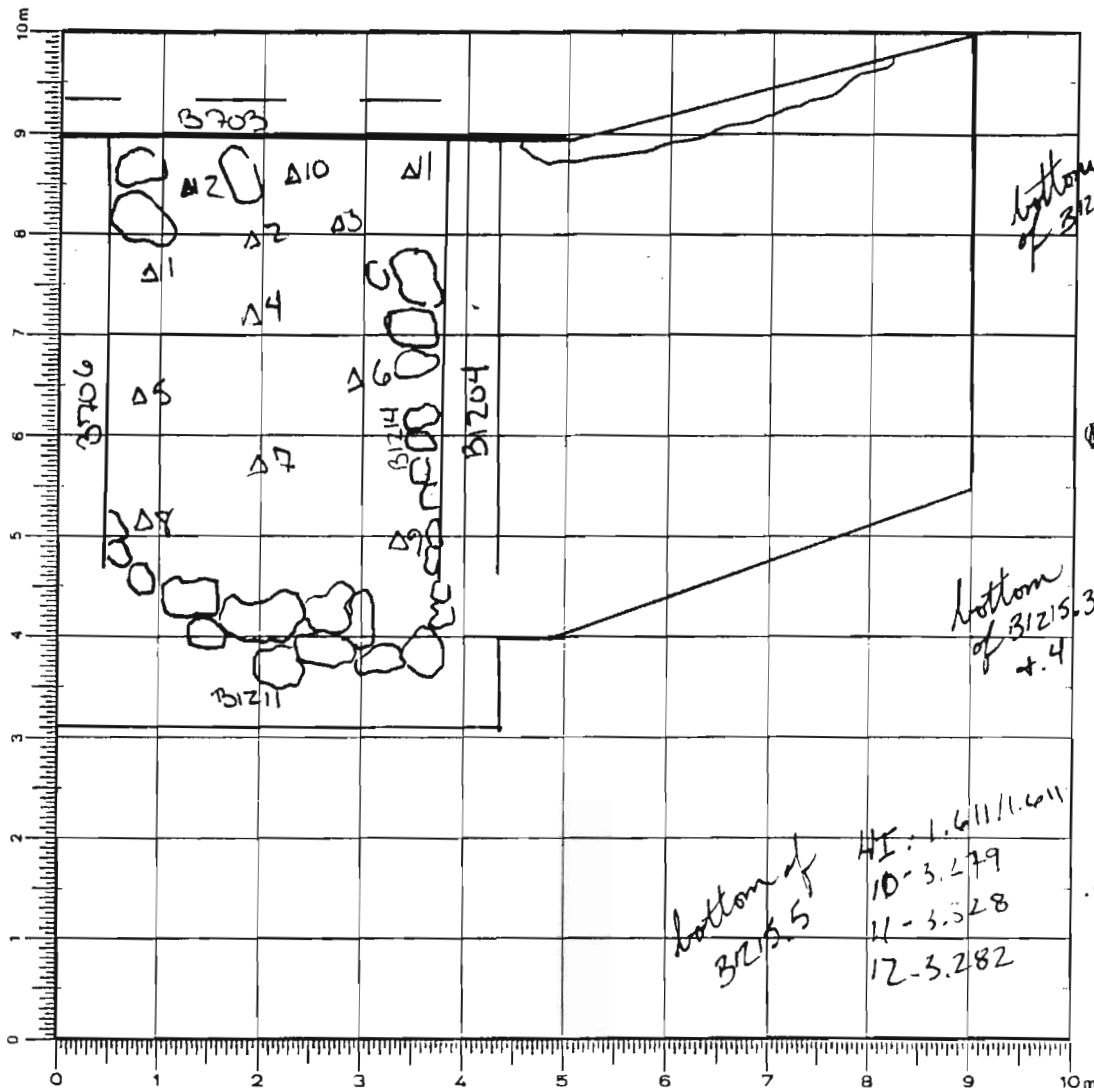
Year 03 Trench/Locus B1215

Excavator NMD

Elevations

Benchmark used:
Reading on 1.993
Benchmark: 1.993
H.I.: 1.993

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R9
355.625



- 1=3.716 = -1.723
- 2=3.748 = -1.755
- 3=3.747 = -1.754
- 4=3.835 = -1.842
- 5=3.724 = -1.731
- 6=3.787 = -1.724
- 7=3.791 = -1.798
- 8=3.766 = -1.773
- 9=3.714 = -1.801

HI: 1.993

- 1-3.745 = -1.752
- 2-3.732 = -1.739
- 3-3.831 = -1.838
- 4-3.869 = -1.876
- 5-3.725 = -1.732
- 6-3.857 = -1.864
- 7-3.822 = -1.829
- 8-3.817 = -1.824
- 9-3.851 = -1.858
- 10-3.671 = -1.678
- 11-3.721 = -1.728
- 12-3.282

SKETCH 1:75

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 4 Jul 03 Locus above: B1213

Locus parameters: confined by walls B1206, B1203, B1214, + B1211.

Verbal description:

new locus due to the emergence of wall B1214 which has redefined the parameters.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

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Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
B1215.1	0.395	93	FN
B1215.2	0.018	6	FN
B1215.3	0.330	74	FN
B1215.4	0.065	17	FN
B1215.5			
B1215.6	0.010	6	Orientalizing, FN

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Year 03 Trench/Locus B1215 Excavator DM

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

4 Jul 03

B1215.1 - pass across locus through red clay.

coming down on top of ^{brown} packed clay surface
flecked with carbon.

everything screened:

- bone
- pottery

Wall B1214 is becoming more defined and appears to have another course or at least some packing beneath the stones which are currently exposed.

intensive soil sample taken along wall - B1214 (north face)

7 Jul 03

B1215.2 - continuation of the first pass (B1215.1) against ~~west~~ ^{east} end of the locus.

- little bone
- little pottery
- one piece of debitage
- intensive soil samples - SE corner + along N wall

~~Soil~~ Soil is the same very packed brown clay although patches of mustard yellow clay and light greenish-grey clay can be seen peeking through the ground in places, especially in the western end where the patches are quite large and pronounced.

B1215.3 - second pass across the locus. The soil is the very compacted and rich in silt. Larger quantities of bone and sherds found in this pass than the previous pass. May suggest proximity to a floor surface.

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1215 Excavator Nm

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

7 Jul 03 cont...

B1215.3 cont...

intensive soil samples - ^{SW} ~~SW~~ ^{NW} corners, center along south wall, center along north wall, and NE corner

looks as though this pass has come down upon a floor because of the abundance of finds with respect to the pass above. The surface is very hard packed and is relatively devoid of pitting from the tumble which was resting on top of it.

B1215.4 - continuation of the second pass but called a different ^{pail} ~~pass~~ due to the abundance of tumble in the ~~western~~ ^{eastern} region and the presence of large amounts of greenish-grey clay. It also looks as if the area is banked up so the new pail serves as a ~~control~~ ^{means of} control.

took soil down and came upon a layer of green-grey clay. the removal of smaller stones also has offered lines for potential crosswalls to B1214 in the remaining stones.

- little bone
- little pottery

may ~~also~~ be contaminated
due to banking up of soil
in this area against wall 3703

B1215.5 - pass under B1215.4 through the green & yellow-green

- all soil collected → intensives # 1-3

now down to the same floor level as was reached in B1215.3

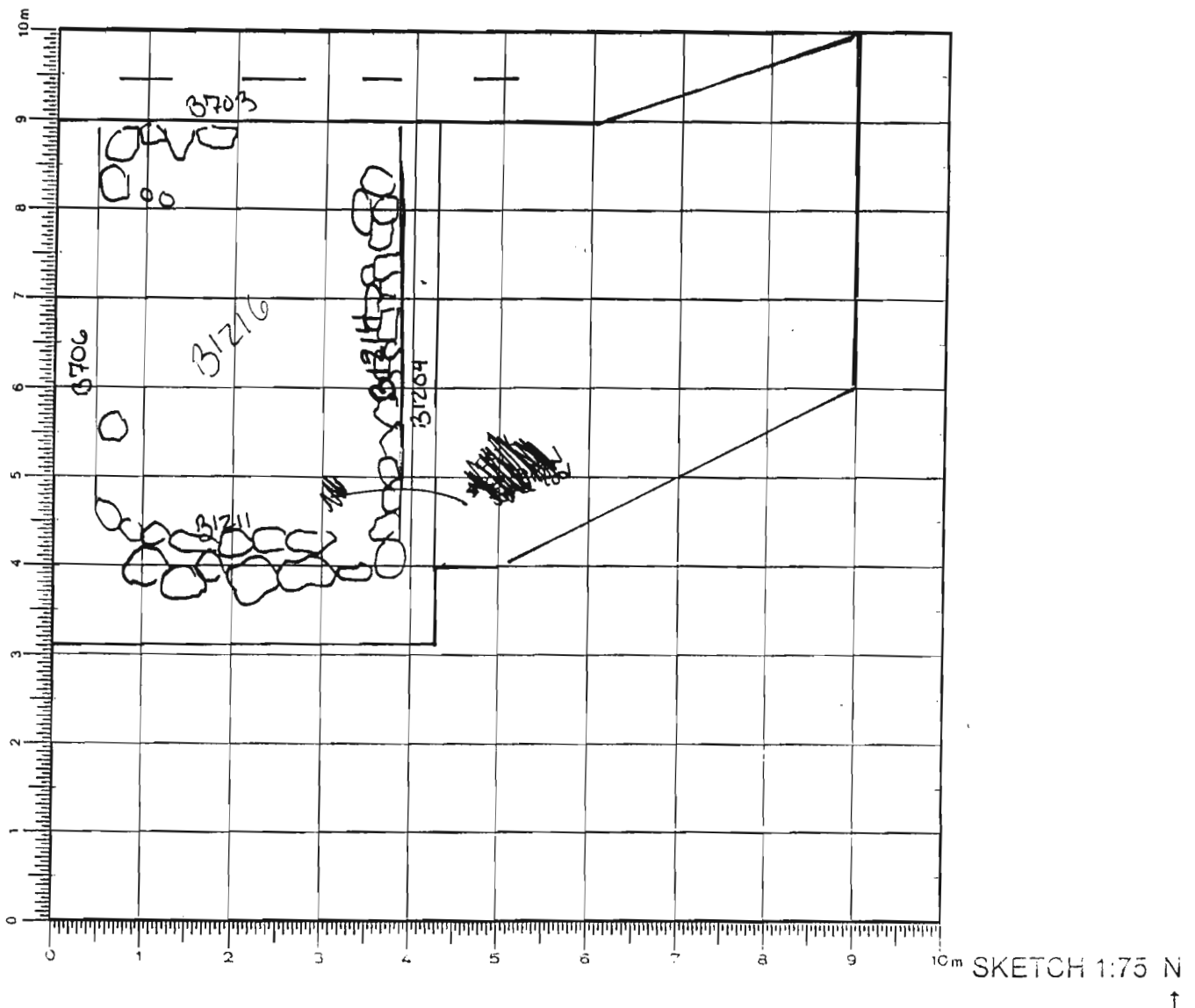
B1215.6 - clean up operation in tumble along B703

- 1/4" screen:
- little bone
 - little pottery

contamination
likely

Year 03 Trench/Locus 31216 Excavator NMD**Elevations**

Benchmark used: R9
 Reading on
 Benchmark: 355.625
 H.I.:

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date:

Locus above: 31215

Locus parameters: confined by walls 3706, 3703, 31204, + 31216
 (only 31214 continues down to the level of this locus)

Verbal description:

dense clay, mostly dark reddish-brown soil on top of which are shallow patches of the greenish-green clay that made up a large part of the matrix from the locus above. This change in the constitution of the soil prompted the change in locus.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

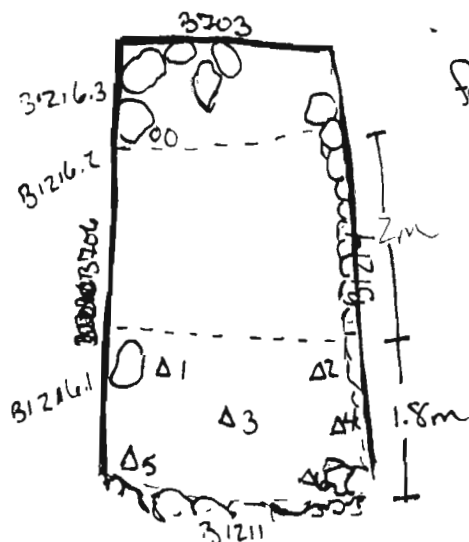
Year 03 Trench/Locus B1216 Excavator NMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

8 Jul 03

B1216.1 - pass across west 1.8m of the locus.

Soil is reddish-brown and hard packed. Some tumble-looking stones coming out of the ground.



Found in screen:

- little bone
- little pottery
- debitage

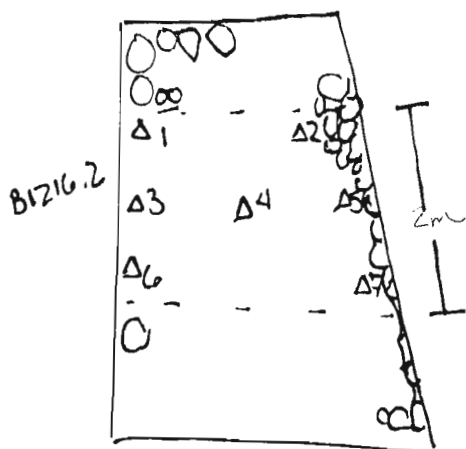
HI: 11627

- 1 - 3571 = -1.944
- 2 - 3539 = -1.912
- 3 - 3502 = -1.875
- 4 - 3510 = -1.873
- 5 - 3469 = -1.842
- 6 - 3531 = -1.904

(split the pass into two pair in the event that the western half bottomed out and the eastern half could then be preserved)

very orange clay beginning to pop out at the bottom of this pass against B121.

Wall B1214 looks to have ended after the top course at its westernmost end (~1.3m), but looks to continue downward as the wall progresses east. This may suggest that the west end has slipped.

B1216.2 - continuation of the pass to the ~~west~~ east.

HI: 11602

- 1 - 3423 = -1.821
- 2 - 3450 = -1.847
- 3 - 3469 = -1.867
- 4 - 3521 = -1.919
- 5 - 3521 = -1.919
- 6 - 3467 = -1.865
- 7 - 3539 = -1.937

same reddish-brown clay. ~~after~~ a lot of tumble against the north wall.

Found in screen:

- bone
- pottery
- debitage

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1216 Excavator NMO

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

8 Jul 03 cont...

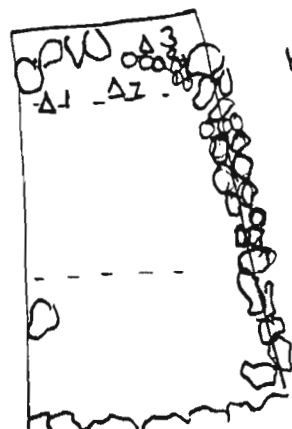
B1216.3 - pass through the easternmost area of the trench removing a boulder and large rocks being pedestaled.

little bone potential area for contamination due to the banking up
 little pottery & dirt around the stone removal. Red soil typical of the rest of the locus. In this area, however, there are also large patches of the yellow & greenish-green clay (also excavated in B1215.5 from the same area of the trench).

B1216.4 - area under B1216.3 of bringing down the soil to the same level as B1216.1 & 2.

little bone soil extremely ^{dark} red in this area
 little pottery

defining the line of bedding for wall B1214 as well as the potential east crosswall associated with B1214.



HI: 1.607

1 - 3.4109 : -1.852

2 - 3.433 : -1.746

3 - 3.280 : -1.673

The compactness of the ^{soil} floor as well as the ~~great~~ abundance of finds found throughout the pass across the locus (B1216.1 & 2) as well as its association with the bedding found next to (north of) wall B1214 argues that the surface at the bottom of this locus is a floor.

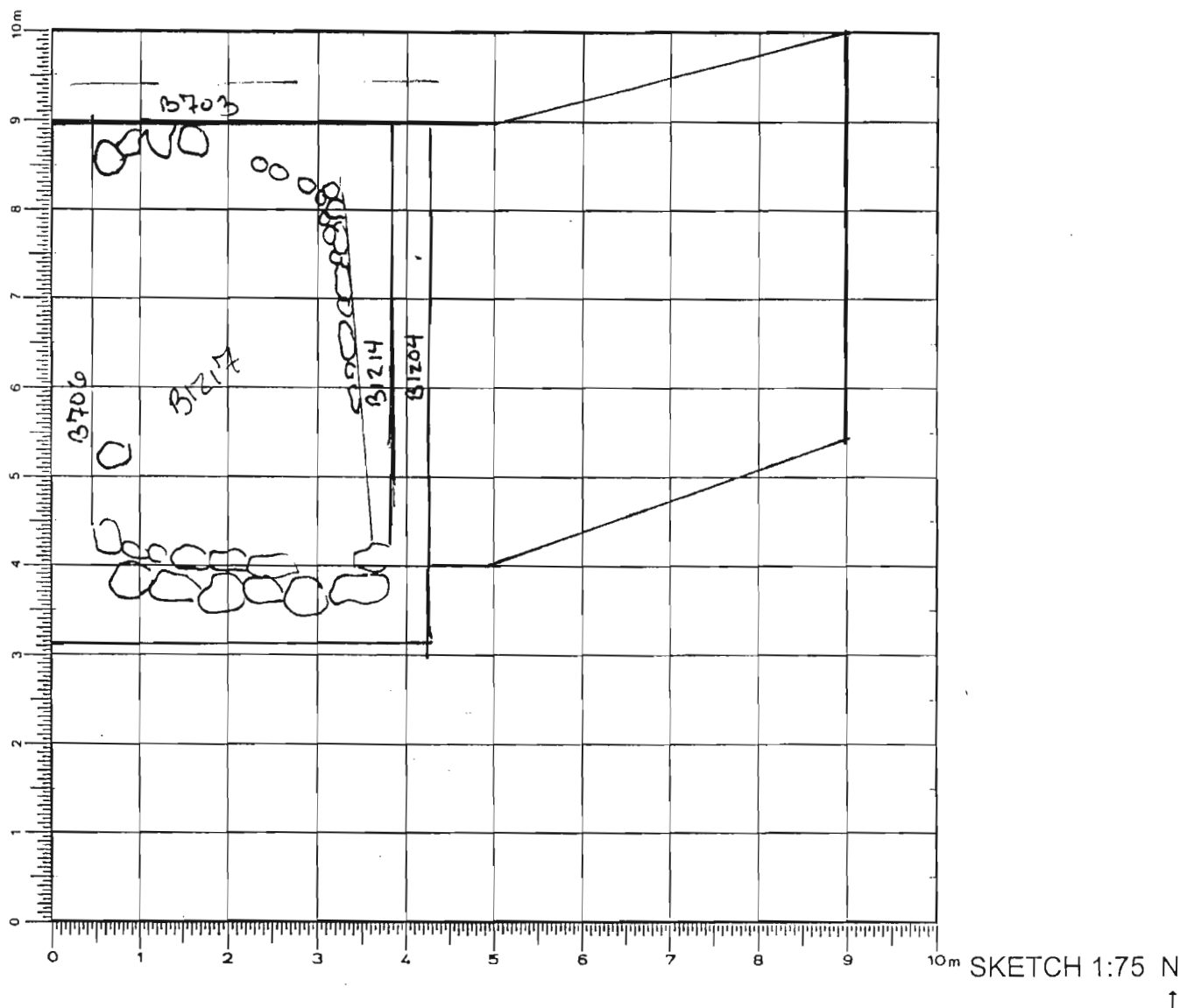
In addition, if this floor at the bottom of B1216 is associated with the bedding for a wall parallel to B1214, then the floor at the bottom of B1215 is likely associated with ^{well} B1214.

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1217 Excavator JMDElevationsBenchmark used: 29

Reading on

Benchmark: 355.625

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 8 Jul 03 Locus above: B1216Locus parameters: confined by walls B706, B705, B1214, & B1211

Verbal description:

Soil is a deep brown clay distinctly different from the red and grey clays of the above loci. Therefore, this ^{level} is being called a new locus.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

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OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	B1217.1	chest spike	west along B1214	—	
2	B1217.1	chest scraper	west along B1214	—	
3	B1217.1	stone tool	found in screen	—	
4	B1217.1	stone tool	found in screen	—	

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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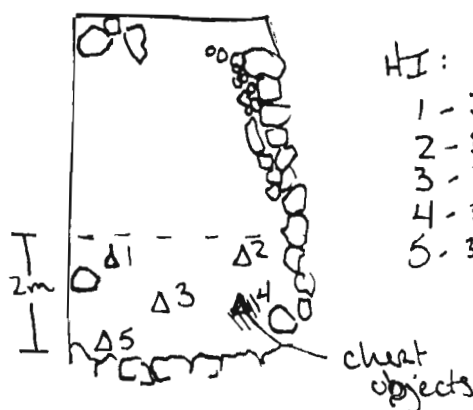
Year 03 Trench/Locus B1217 Excavator JMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

8 Jul 03

B1217.1 - pass across the western 2m of the locus.

soil is dark brown with infrequent small patches of bright orange and mustard yellow. Very little of the green clay found at the bottom of the previous locus B1216. less clay in the soil yet softer/more moist



HI: 1.607

1 - 3.577 = -1.970

2 - 3.589 = -1.982

3 - 3.576 = -1.969

4 - 3.588 = -1.981

5 - 3.555 = -1.948

- pottery
- little bone
- cheat
- cheat flake (obj 1)
- cheat scraper (obj 2)
- stone tool (obj 3)
- stone tool (obj 4)

~~the bottom of this pass has the appearance of a floor~~

very rocky and orange along the west wall - B1211 and the SW corner.

9 Jul 03

B1217.2 - continuation of pass across the locus

soil in the central region of the room is again a very dark brown, slightly gravelly, ~~and fairly even~~
 ↳ looks like red velvet cake!

a potential wall emerging next to wall - B706 consisting of large stones

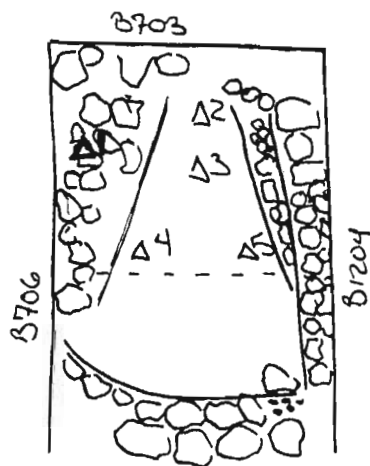
few small pieces of carbon

soil sample from east along south wall - B1214

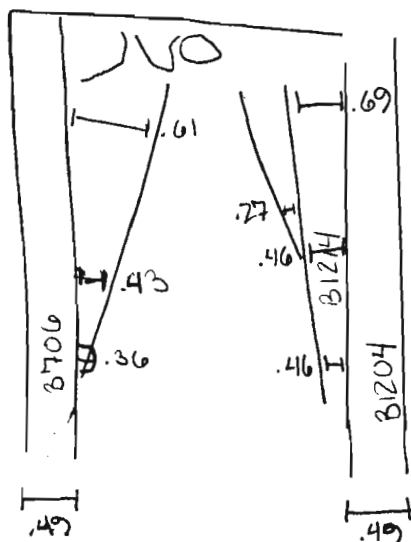
Year 03 Trench/Locus B1217 Excavator NMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

9 Jul 03



HI: 1.699
 1 - 3.521 = -1.822
 2 - 3.629 = -1.930
 3 - 3.668 = -1.969
 4 - 3.671 = -1.972
 5 - 3.677 = -1.978

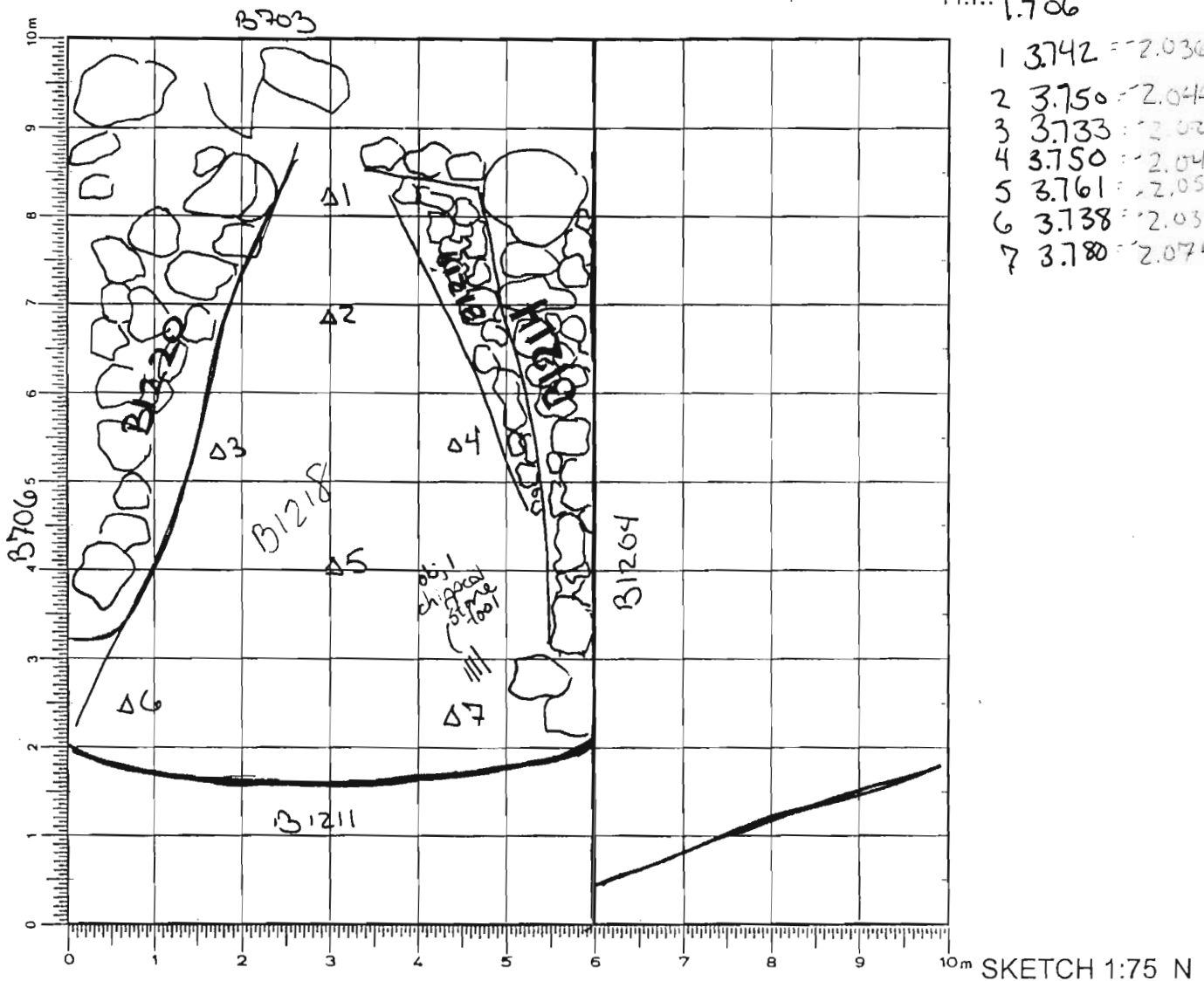


*wall
measurements*

B1217.3 - clearing on top of potential ~~stone~~ north wall.

Year 03 Trench/Locus B1218 Excavator NMD**Elevations**

Benchmark used: R9
 Reading on
 Benchmark: 355.625
 H.I.: 1.706



1	3.742	= 2.036
2	3.750	= 2.044
3	3.733	= 2.027
4	3.750	= 2.044
5	3.761	= 2.055
6	3.738	= 2.032
7	3.780	= 2.074

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 09 Jul 03 Locus above: B1217Locus parameters: confined by walls B1211, B1219, B1220Verbal description: ~~the~~ the classification of wall-B1220 was redefined the space, prompting a new locus.

the soil is a dark brown similar to the soil from B1217.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Excavator 2000

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OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 03 Trench/Locus B1218 Excavator UMD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:



9 Jul 03

B1218.1 - pass across locus.

soil is brownish red ~~XXXX~~ (more brown than red)
and gravelly with occasional flecks of carbon.

at the westernmost end of the trench the soil is a bright orange-red and the gravel that is abundant in this region has a bedrock look about it which is emphasized by the lack of finds in this area and the deep holes appearing under rocks.

looks as though this may mark the bottom level of the trench

lots of chert being found in the eastern region of the locus.

[B1218.2 - sweeping across locus including ~~bedrock~~ wells
(possible contamination)]

Finds in screen:

bone
chert blade
pottery
pumice

~~Wall~~ wall - B1219 bottomed out during this pass, therefore it is associated with the surface at the top of B1218 and the bottom of B1217.

Wall B1220 ends at a level even with the bottom of B1218, however this doesn't appear to be a surface.